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DENNIS MONTALI
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:) Bankruptcy Case
PG&E CORPORATION,) No. 19-30088-DM
- and -) Chapter 11
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,) Jointly Administered
Debtors.) Date: March 10, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Courtroom 17
450 Golden Gate Ave.
16th Floor
San Francisco, CA
☐ Affects PG&E Corporation
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
☒ Affects both Debtors
** All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

ORDER RE HEARING ON MARCH 10, 2020

The court has reviewed the several objections to the Debtors' Disclosure Statement (Dkt No. 5700) and the objections to the Debtors' motion dealing with Plan Solicitation and Voting Procedures, etc., (Dkt. No. 5835). The court anticipates that sometime on March 9, 2020, Debtors will be filing an amended Disclosure Statement and most likely a revised Plan. It is optimistic that the revised Disclosure Statement will deal with

1 many of the objections, but it is equally likely that concerned
2 parties will not have had meaningful time to absorb those
3 revisions, be able to determine whether their particular
4 concerns have been satisfied and prepare to present their
5 argument to the court. Similarly, the court has concerns about
6 the slight amount of time it has to deal with what might be
7 extensive changes.

8 To streamline the March 10 hearing, the following will be
9 the order the court will follow:

10 First, in the unlikely event that the TCC chooses to argue
11 its position about its Motion To Establish Procedures For
12 Discovery Preceding Plan Confirmation (Dkt. No. 5840) (See March
13 5 Dkt. Txt.), it will have fifteen minutes for argument.
14 Debtors and the OCUC will have fifteen minutes to argue in
15 opposition.

16 Next the court will take up the Solicitation and Voting
17 Procedures, and expects Debtors' counsel to address the major
18 issues identified by various objectors, namely the need to deal
19 with the 510(b) parties; the proposal to allow claims at \$1.00
20 per party for voting purposes; the governmental entities
21 objections to classification with the individual fire claimants;
22 temporary allowances questioned by several creditors; issues
23 raised by the United States Trustee (Dkt. No. 6178); several
24 questions from the court re ballot procedures and the extensive
25 attachments, the optional releases and other issues to be
26 discussed. The court will not assign times for any parties to
27 make their arguments.

1 Next the court will deal with unresolved objections to the
2 adequacy of the Disclosure Statement filed by various parties.

3 For planning purposes, the hearing will start at 10:00 AM,
4 with a brief pause for personal convenience at mid-morning. The
5 court will take a one-hour lunch break around 12:30. When court
6 resumes, it will take up the Motion to Dismiss Adv. Pro. 19-3061
7 (Dkt. No. 9). Debtors and Plaintiff will be allowed thirty
8 minutes each, with Debtors reserving a portion of their time for
9 rebuttal and sharing the time as they agree with the CPUC.

10 After the conclusion of arguments on that motion, the court
11 will resume the hearing re the Disclosure Statement. The
12 schedule will include a mid-afternoon pause and adjournment for
13 the day by 5:00 PM if the hearing has not concluded.

14 The court will resume the hearing at 10:00 AM on Wednesday,
15 March 11 if necessary. If more time is needed after that, the
16 hearing may be continued to March 12. And because Debtors will
17 be expected to submit further versions of the Plan and
18 Disclosure Statement and a proposed order by that date (See Dkt.
19 No. 5732), the court may schedule a further hearing on March 16,
20 to consider the "final" Disclosure Statement to be approved.

21 Because of the increasing concern of all parties about the
22 COVID-19 problems affecting everyone, the court encourages
23 parties and their counsel to participate by telephone via
24 CourtCall whenever possible. While the court will be physically
25 present for the hearings, no party and no counsel will should
26 feel uncomfortable being present in a crowded courtroom and
27 appearance by telephone will have no bearing on how they will be
28 perceived by the court or how their arguments will be weighed.

1 The court also expects the adjacent courtroom to be available
2 for the hearings so that parties choosing to attend will be able
3 to lessen courtroom congestion.

4 ***END OF ORDER***
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